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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : Werner Thoren  
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Title : Method and apparatus for reducing an amount of  
process data to be transferred  
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**FURTHER PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits of the above-identified U.S. National Phase patent application, and any calculation of filing fees, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on the attached page having the heading "Amendments to the Claims".

Amendments to the specification begin on the attached page having the heading "Amendments to the Specification".

Remarks begin on the attached page having the heading "Remarks".